

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2013

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Samuel Lyons
Jennifer M Horne
Ryan Rudegeair
Garnet Wood

Members Excused: James Marshall

In Attendance: E. William Gabrys, City Manager
Tracy Jamieson, Deputy Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Chuck Gibbons, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Mike Scanlon, 1614 Elk Street
Virginia Kopchak, 1130 Otter Street
Rick Carter, 1122 Otter Street
Patrick Cashbrook, 1422 Liberty Street
Lisa Hugus, 207-11th Street
Denny Paden, Franklin Alliance Church
Sam Saeli, 1116 Old Mercer Road
Sally Reed, 1117 Otter Street
Elizabeth C Leshi & David Paybylek, 933 Elk Street
Sally Kilmer, 217 Evergreen Drive
Amy & Joe Dick, 1044 Elk Street
Laura Moore, 1228 Otter Street
Daniel Weiland, 1 Parkway
Rachael & Jim Ashbaugh, 1428 Elk Street
Robert YaSenka, 1520 Elk Street
Kimberly A Irwin, 725 Elk Street
Barb Miller, 426 Elk Street
Dianne Hall, 1109 Elk Street
John Estok, 1402 Otter Street
Bob Reitz, 1004 Liberty Street
John Andrew Bell, 223 Elk Street
Jeremy Johnson, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 175

Mr. Wood moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Rudegeair seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 176

Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2013, as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 177

Mr. Wood moved to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Fletcher commended City employees for choosing to purchase American-made products, when possible; and for purchasing from local vendors for items that are competitive to on-line prices. She also informed the public that \$3,000 has been budgeted for the purchase and planting of City trees. Mr. Wood also commended City employees for the preventative maintenance they were doing on City vehicles in order to prolong the life of the vehicles.

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES - none.**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

Resolution No. 178 - Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to approve a certificate of appropriateness for a sign at 1422 Liberty Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF H.A.R.B. GUIDELINES - Resolution No. 179

Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to approve the Historic & Architectural Review Board Guidelines, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2013 MUNICIPAL POLICE COOPERATION AGREEMENT DUI TASK FORCE RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 180 - Mr. Lyons moved and Mrs. Horne seconded a motion to approve the DUI Task Force Agreement and to authorize signatures by the appropriate City officials. Motion passed 5-1 with Mayor Baker abstaining from the vote, due to his participation in obtaining the grant.

FINAL READING - BILL NO.6 - Budget - Resolution No. 181

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 6, "Budget," into the record. Mr. Rudegear moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to approve on Final Reading, Bill No. 6, "Budget." Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 7 - Real Estate Tax - Resolution No. 182

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 7, "Real Estate Tax," into the record. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to approve on Final Reading, Bill No. 7, "Real Estate Tax." Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 8 - Earned Income Tax - Resolution No. 183

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 8, "Earned Income Tax," into the record. Mr. Rudegear moved and Mrs. Horne seconded a motion to approve on Final Reading, Bill No. 8, "Earned Income Tax." Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 9 - Flood Districts/Flood Proofing - Resolution No. 184

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 9, "Flood Districts/Flood Proofing," into the record. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to approve on Final Reading, Bill No. 9, "Flood Districts/Flood Proofing." Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - none.**REPORTS****Manager**

- **Resolution No. 185** - Requested authorization to renew the Flexible Spending Account, acknowledging a new option with a \$500 carryover until June of the next year, and the City's HRA Program with Davevic Benefits, which has helped to offset the rising healthcare costs. Mr. Lyons so moved. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 186** - Requested permission to spend \$8,000-9,000 from Capital Funds to make immediate repairs to the Miller Park Bridge to arrest recent developments that are threatening its integrity. The repairs will not be visible. Mr. Rudegear so moved. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 187** - Informed the Council that Penn DOT plans to work on the deck and piers of the Washington Crossing Bridge and are requesting permission to use City properties for access. Mr. Lyons moved to authorize said Agreement with Penn DOT. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Advised Council that, due to recent heavy snowstorms, the Street Department was unable to pick-up all the leaves. He does not know whether it will be possible for them to continue with the leaf pickup.
- Advised the Council of this year's PennPRIME Services Report, which shows a 5-Year Total Savings of \$221,483, through a combination of member credits, grants, awards, training and Safety Committee discounts. Council commended the efforts of City employees, which culminated in almost a quarter of a million dollars.

Solicitor

- Would need an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor • Appointments

- **Resolution No. 188** - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint John Estok, David Lord, and to appoint Mike Scanlon to the General Authority. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion. Motion failed with Mrs. Horne, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Wood and Mrs. Fletcher voting "no."
- **Resolution No. 189** - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Michelle Hartle to the Franklin Industrial & Commercial Development Authority (F.I.C.D.A.). Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 190** - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Jack Crawford, Matt Beith and Dale Wilson to the Historic & Architectural Review Board (H.A.R.B.). Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 191** - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Mathew Beith to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 192** - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Walt Donaldson and Randy Stewart to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- **Resolution No. 193** - Mayor Baker moved to appoint the following to the UCC Board of Appeals: Kenneth Garland, Jr. (Building Contractor) - 5-year term • Daniel Weiland (Architect, alternate) • Michael Graham (Fire Protection Contractor) - 3 years • Amos Rudolph (Architect) - 4 years • Gerald Hatch (Plumbing Contractor) - 2 years. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Wood

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Fletcher

- Commended the street crews for their successful efforts on recent snow removal.

Mr. Lyons

- Asked the status of the proposed new brewery on Liberty Street. Mr. Gibbons advised that they have recently hired a new design architect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 194

Mr. Lyons moved to enter into executive session at 8:12 PM to discuss potential litigation. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:45 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none.

ADJOURNMENT - Resolution No. 195

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mrs. Fletcher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Mr. Rudegeair seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary